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TOHONO O'ODHAM MAN CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

PHOENIX - The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on August 4, 2004, Pascal Luz, DOB 3/19/76, of Gu Vo Village on the Tohono O'odham Nation, in the District of Arizona, was found guilty of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon by a federal jury in Tucson, Ariz. with U.S. District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata presiding.

The evidence at trial showed that in the early morning hours of March 29, 2000, Pascal Luz beat the victim with his hands, causing a bloody nose, bruises to her chin, abdomen, both breasts and arms. He then pulled a knife, placed it on her throat and threatened to kill her. During the assault, he cursed at her and called her names.

Pascal Luz had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 1153 and 113(a)(3). The case was tried before on August 3 and 4, 2004.

A conviction for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon carries a maximum penalty of 10 years, a \$ \$250,000.00 fine or both.

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The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the Tohono O'odham Police Department and the FBI with the assistance of the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory.

Sentencing is set before Judge Zapata on October 14, 2004.

The prosecution is being handled by Sandra M. Hansen, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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